



## Rota to start receiving blood from States



photo: JOC Jon McMillan

HM1 David Thomas, blood bank leading petty officer, tests a blood sample to determine its type.

### Blood drives no longer needed, Monday's drive last one for base

JOC Jon McMillan  
Rota Coastline

A major change in the Navy's European blood program means bases at Rota, Sigonella and Naples will no longer have blood donor drives.

Instead, blood products needed at those bases and on Navy ships in the theater will be flown in from a tri-service blood distribution center at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey.

"We're taking assets we have in the United States and we're using their blood so we can reduce costs, reduce waste and reduce liability and risk," said Lt. Cmdr. Richard Hayden, the hospital's laboratory officer and blood program director.

Navy hospitals in Europe

have traditionally made their own blood products out of blood received during donor drives. The hospital in Rota typically produced 20 to 25 units a month – each unit having a shelf life of 42 days – that served the hospital and other contingency needs.

"We also had requirements to ship blood products to Kosovo and to various Sixth Fleet units," said Hayden. The other Navy hospitals in Europe had similar requirements.

"The blood we're getting now is just for Rota," said Hayden. With this new blood distribution system, Rota will receive 14 units a month, Sigonella will receive 16 units and Naples will receive 10 units. Sigonella will also receive

extra units designated for shipment to Sixth Fleet units in theater.

The blood products will arrive every two weeks on the scheduled Patriot Express – category "B" – flights. For the past four months, Naval Hospital Rota has been receiving small test shipments to ensure the transportation pipeline was efficient and reliable. The first regular shipments start arriving the first week of April.

The beginning of these shipments means local blood drives are no longer needed. Monday's donor drive in Rota will be the last one ever conducted. "We didn't want to stop having blood donor drives without letting the people know," said Hayden. "We also felt it'd be wise to have this last one and give people one last opportunity to donate here. We have really appreciated the support many of our faithful donors have provided over the

years," he said.

After the March 27 drive, the laboratory department will no longer be in the business of testing local blood for infectious diseases. Those tests will be performed on all blood sent to Rota by the activities collecting the blood in the States – usually, other Department of Defense medical treatment facilities.

Getting out of the blood testing business will save the Rota hospital money. Blood tests cost the hospital more than \$40,000 last year and each month the testing tied up two or three people for an entire week, said Hayden.

"This blood donor center was one of the most expensive in the Navy," said Hayden. "Because of volume was so low, a unit of blood produced here cost 400 percent more than the average cost of a unit of blood in the United States."

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### Naval Station takes SECNAV environmental quality award, Oviedo takes personal award

Lt. j.g. Bill Davis  
Public Affairs  
Officer

Naval Station, Rota's environmental program has once again received honors as having one of the best programs in the Navy after winning the 1999 Environmental Quality Overseas Installation Award by the Secretary of the Navy.

Just last month, Rota was named one of three overseas bases for having an outstanding environmental program by the



Alex Oviedo

Chief of Naval Operations. This award by SECNAV clinches Rota as having the best overall.

Alex Oviedo, Rota's environmental director, has also been honored again after winning the 1999 Environmental Quality Overseas Individual Award by SECNAV. He had received the award last month at the CNO level, and like the installation award, this recognition shows him as the best in individual competition in the overseas environmental programs.

Oviedo credits both awards

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## Base sewer lines undergo intensive cleaning, testing

*Non-toxic smoke testing may cause smoke to seep out of water facets, toilets*

JOC Jon McMillan  
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Base sewer lines will be undergoing a series of high pressure cleanings intended to flush out built-up sand, wood, trash and other debris from the system. As each line is cleaned, a special television camera will be run to videotape the sewer system to check for cracks and leaks.

"Once all that's done, we'll send a non-toxic white smoke into

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photo: JOC Jon McMillan

The large GUS truck will be seen around base as the British crew performs high pressure cleanings on the base sewer system.

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### THIS WEEK

Daylight Savings  
Time begins in Europe  
on Sunday.

Remember to set  
your clock ahead one  
hour Sunday at 2 a.m.

# More than 35 commands, departments set to participate in annual 'Tiger Day' event April 7

Lt.j.g. Bill Davis  
Public Affairs Officer

The base is gearing up for the annual event of "Tiger Day," which will be held on the Tow Way on

Friday afternoon, April 7.

The event is held in recognition of April being the National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child.

Marcia Gloekler, coordinator for Tiger Day at the Navy Family Service Center, along with Kay Kinghorn of the New Parent Support Team at NFSC, have been organizing the event, which will be the 8<sup>th</sup> year Rota has participated.

It's an event that is modeled after the Tiger Cruise, when children of Sailors are allowed to go aboard ships with their parents to learn what they do at work.

In Rota, the base's Tiger Day will feature displays from commands and activities so children can see the importance of what the military and the role their mom or dad plays and opportunities the military provides.

Putting together this event has kept the two busy this year. "We're the ones who schedule the meetings and make sure all the commands and organizations involved have everything they need," said Gloekler.

"It's a lot of time on the phone, trying to get in touch with people. It can be frustrating at times, but when it comes time for Tiger Day, and you're on the Tow Way seeing kids having fun, you forget about the stress. It's

*"It's all about the kid's seeing what their parents do, the ones who go away everyday to work."*

Marcia Gloekler,  
Tiger Day coordinator

all about the kid's seeing what their parents do, the ones who go away everyday to work."

This year's Tiger Day has more commands getting involved, such as Religious Ministries and the Vet Clinic. It's an opportunity for kids to not only see what their parents do at work, but also to have some fun.

More than 35 commands and organizations have signed up for displays or events at Tiger Day.

The festivities will actually begin at 11 a.m. with a picnic and cake cutting at the galley from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Children will be able to use their school lunch tickets, and the charge for all others will be \$3.00. After lunch, it's time for everyone to head down to the Tow Way.

Festivities there will kick off with a SEAL parachute jump at 1:20 p.m., followed by a ribbon cutting and Fun Run for the children. AT&T will provide one T-shirt to all children participating in the run.

This year, NSGA and VQ-2 will be hosting an open house and will provide transportation to their commands from the Tow Way. The grand finale, a harrier flying nearby, will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Some of the displays at Tiger Day will include a fire truck, an ambulance, a utility boat, an aircraft, and Vid-A-Kid. Information Systems Department (ISD) will be on hand making Child's Safe-Card I.D.'s. Casetas have also been added this year.

Events include a weather balloon launch, a mass casu-

alty drill, a "Jaws of Life" demonstration, a military working dog demonstration and performances by the DGF drama club. Celebrities attending this year's Tiger Day include Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog.

Transportation from Housing to and from the Galley and Tow Way will be provided at no cost by NMCB-ONE and AT&T. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the rides since there will be minimal parking at the Tow Way and it will help reduce traffic to keep the area as safe as possible.

"We'd really like to see the commands let their people who have children to have the afternoon off to participate, in order for kids and parents to enjoy it together," said Gloekler.

Mark your calendars and remember that Tiger Day is an event that has something for everyone.

It's a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the sunshine (don't forget your sunscreen!), meet neighbors, and for children to learn a little more about what mom and dad do at work.



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Tiger Day gives base children an opportunity to see what their parents do at work. This year's event will be the 8th annual observance of Tiger Day.

## Rota's Fuels Division finalist in API Award

Naval Station Rota Fuel's division has been named a finalist in the FY2000 American Petroleum Institute (API) Award Bulk Fuel Terminal category.

Rota won the API award for 1998, recognizing the base division as being better than all other Navy bases worldwide in the bulk fuel terminal category.

The other finalists in the category for this year are Fleet Industrial Supply Cen-

ter, Pearl Harbor; Naval Air Station, Keflavik; and Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia.

The Fuels Division provided service to a wide variety of customers throughout 1999.

The division supported Operations Nobel Anvil and Allied Force in Kosovo, and six pipeline issues were completed which provided 44 million gallons to Moron Air Base.

In addition, a \$1.62 mil-

lion automatic tank gauging system was installed to provide instantaneous inventory management and environmental protection through tank level monitoring.

The Fuels Division issued 26,759,138 gallons of jet fuel to more than 4,000 aircraft last year.

The annual award is sponsored by API and administered by the Navy Supply Systems Command.

The winner will be announced in April.



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# Gas prices to increase 5 cents April 1

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For the second time in as many months, the Navy Exchange will raise gas prices on base five cents starting April 1, said NEX officials.

After the price increase, gas on base will be \$1.299 per gallon – up ten cents from February.

Even with the expected price jump, NEX customers here are paying 20 to 30 cents less per gallon than NEX customers are in the United States.

Prices in Rota are being

kept down because of a local policy keeping price increases down to a nickel a month.

NEX officials said they should be charging around \$1.50 per gallon to maintain the prescribed profit margin established by the Navy Exchange headquarters in Virginia.

"The nickel [limit] is a local policy. If they [OPEC – the oil producing companies that regulate how much oil is produced and the cost of that oil] continue to do what they're doing, we may

have to take a re-look at the policy," said Dave Shiffrin, operations manager at the NEX.

OPEC is scheduled to meet Monday to determine their next course of action. Many countries, including the United States, are pressing for an increase in oil production, which should lower overall gasoline prices.

"My hope is next week all this is fixed," said Shiffrin.

This is not the first time the United States had to deal with sky-rocketing crude oil and gas pump prices.

Twenty-seven years ago, Saudi Arabia influenced the other members of OPEC to agree on an oil embargo against Western nations who assisted Israel during the Arab-Israeli war of 1973.

Gasoline prices shot from 25 cents per gallon to over \$1.00 per gallon. As a result of the Arab Oil Embargo, then President Nixon urged Americans to cut gasoline consumption and plans were made for possible gas rationing. The embargo was lifted late in the spring of 1974.

## point of view Base gas prices



*"I was just back in San Diego and the price of gas was almost \$2 per gallon. So this isn't too bad."*

Cmdr. Robert Buckley,  
Naval Hospital



*"[The price is] not that bad. I'd love to see it cheaper but if they can't do it, they can't do it. It doesn't mean I agree with OPEC though."*

IT2 William Wagner,  
VQ-2



*"I was driving back from Gibraltar and I paid \$40 for half a tank of gas."*

*[The price here] is not as bad as out in town or in the states."*  
Lori Zabicki,  
Spouse



*"It's still a lot cheaper than in the states. You look out in the economy at what they're paying and they make less [money] than we do and they can afford to drive"*

CTM2(SS) Paul Rewak,  
NSGA

## Spanish News Summary

### Rota may get a McDonald's

Enrique Almisas, councilman of city planning, has been quoted in Spanish newspapers as saying the American company has established contacts with the Rota municipal government and has inquired about the steps needed to follow for the opening a restaurant in Rota. Although no deal has been struck, a local newspaper has indicated that the restaurant could be placed between El Triunfo square and the Rota gate.

### Dog kills baby in Canary Islands

A Stafford dog at Vecindario, in Las Palmas in the Canary Islands, killed Emma Hanna, 20 months old. The German girl was on vacation with her parents on the island. During the visit the landlord went to feed his four dogs locked in the attic. The girl got inside the room and no one realized she was there, locking the door again. After a few minutes they started looking for the girl and went back to the attic

where one of the dogs was attacking Emma. The girl was carried to the hospital but she died after admission.

### PSOE leader

The PSOE's spectacular drop from 141 seat to 125 brought the immediate resignation of its leader and his example was followed the next day by the entire executive body. Manuel Chaves, president of the Andalucia government, will be in charge of a temporary committee charged with running the socialist political party until a summer conference selects new leaders.

### Day of the Province

Cadiz celebrated the Day of the Province Sunday. It was also, the anniversary of the Liberal Constitution of 1812, known as "La Pepa". Diputacion de Cadiz granted several prizes and opened the exhibition "Cadiz y El mar". Cadiz is one of the most unemployment province in Spain and one of the most depressed zones in Europe. The future of the province of Cadiz is very hopeful, especially in the tourist field and the Agriculture.

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## New PRT standards

An article in the March 20, 2000, edition of "Navy Times" highlights the new physical readiness standards that will be implemented May 1. They are as follows:

- Everyone will start "with a clean slate," meaning that past PRT failures will not be part of an individuals' record;
- Mandatory discharges will be eliminated for failing three PRTs in four years. Those who have such a record will not be recommended for advancement or promotion;
- Tougher standards that will bring closer together the test-performance demands of men and women;
- People over 50 will be required to exercise and take the PRT; and
- The Navy will designate "command fitness leaders," who will be at least chiefs, to oversee physical training after attending five days of specialized training.

"Rota Coastline" will run a full article on the PRT changes as soon as the details are made available.

## CTT,EW ratings to merge

New intelligence gathering technology is bringing the EW and CTT ratings together, allowing the Navy to do more at sea and ashore.

NAVADMIN 045/00 announces the merger of these two ratings, affecting approximately 1,800 EWs and 1,200 CTTs.

A review of the occupational standards of the CTT and EW ratings revealed many similarities of core skills between the two ratings.

The merger of the CTT and EW ratings will give future CTTs the opportunity to perform all aspects of electronic warfare and electronic intelligence on board fleet units and numerous shore stations.

"The new technology used for intelligence gathering will provide

a broader range of opportunities for the EW and CTT ratings," said Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel. "The new rating will also have a more equitable sea/shore rotation due to increased sea billets for CTTs," he said.

The merger was approved by the Secretary of the Navy with a target implementation date of Oct. 1, 2003.

The post-merger CTT rating will keep the current CTT rating badge. EWs will have their official records changed and assume their new rating badges Oct. 1, 2003.

For more information, see the NAVADMIN 045/00 on the BUPERS web site <http://www.bupers.navy.mil>.

## Some U.S. tobacco products barred from re-entry to U.S.

Travelers can no longer take U.S.-made tobacco products to the United States that they bought tax-free outside the U.S.

The ban applies to tax-exempt cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, cigarette papers and tubes made in the United States and bought at military exchanges and commissaries outside the U.S., in duty free shops, or on board international aircraft and ships.

Foreign tobacco products, U.S. brand products made outside the USA and U.S. tobacco products bought tax-paid in the United States are now the only tobacco products that travelers will be al-

lowed to import, customs officials state.

These officials recommended people look at the tax band around cartons of cigarettes to determine the country of origin.

They also pointed out that Cuban tobacco products are also banned due to the economic embargo against that country. Opened packages, such as half-finished packs of cigarettes, will not be allowed.

Check with Customs for more information at ext. 2421, or see the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm's Web site at [www.atf.treas.gov/tobacco/strctob.htm](http://www.atf.treas.gov/tobacco/strctob.htm)

## Political season reminders

Voting season is upon us with many state primaries already completed.

The following is a quick shot of do's and don'ts.

- As a federal employee, you may:
- Register and vote as you choose
  - Assist in voter registration drives
  - Express opinions about candidates and issues
  - Sign nominating petitions
  - Campaign for or against
    - \* Referendum questions
    - \* Constitutional amendments
    - \* Municipal ordinances

Conversely, you may not:

- Use your official authority or influence to interfere with an elec-

- tion
- Knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before your agency
- Engage in political activity while on duty
- Engage in political activity in any government office
- Engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform
- Engage in political activity while using a government vehicle
- Wear political buttons on duty

## Fire destroys Navy non-temp storage warehouse

A fire apparently destroyed all or part of the Harrison's Moving and Storage Company Warehouse last week in Portsmouth, Vir., which is used by the Navy to store non-temporary household property of service members.

If you are certain you have property in the warehouse, here's what you can do. Call DSN 564-3608/4189.

Before you call, though, you need to hunt down your DD Form 1299 Application for Shipment and Storage and a copy of your inventory which has your GBL or Contract number. They will need copies of this before they will do anything.

For those in Rota who aren't sure whether they have storage in the warehouse or not, it's best to wait for Personal Property to contact you, according to John Klegka, director of Personal Property in Rota.

He said once they have a verified list of those affected, they will notify the people on what action to take.

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# Women's History Month

## Navy, Marine Corps celebrates Women's History Month 2000

Honorable Richard Danzig  
Secretary of the Navy

"An exceptional century for women...now imagine the future" is this year's theme for Women's History Month - March 2000.

As we celebrate the 13th annual observance in this year 2000, it is appropriate to recognize our accomplishments and anticipate our future.

Women in the 20th century have contributed in innumerable ways to American society. Women Sailors and Marines, as well as their civilian counterparts in government, have made a significant impact in both traditional and nontraditional areas of American life.

Let us first highlight the multitude of female professionals found in our civilian workforce. Women compose 31.6% of the Department of the Navy's civilian workforce - totaling over 57,000.

They are represented in many fields, including engineering, medical, interna-

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tional relations, human resources, accounting, logistics, and social work.

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Women Sailors and Marines have an incredible and rich history.

The establishment of the Nurse Corps in 1908 and the authorization to enlist women in 1917 were pivotal events, recognizing that women not only wanted to serve, but could contribute considerable skill and dedication.

However, it was World War II that really mobilized great numbers of women — 91,000 women accepted for volunteer emergency service (WAVES) in the Navy and

over 19,000 women in the Marine Corps. And women continued to serve throughout the rest of the twentieth century — 9,000 Navy nurses served in Korea, and 4,449 navy women deployed during the Gulf War.

Now is a particularly appropriate moment to recognize that just over 50,000 women serve in the Navy today and over 10,000 women serve as United States Marines. More than 12,000 women Sailors and Marines serve aboard ships.

Women will report aboard minesweepers for the first time this year. Our women Sailors and Marines, like their distinguished predecessors, continue to serve proudly, honorably, and capably in whatever capacity our Navy needs.



photo: Maria Foster

### Women's History Month celebration held

A celebration was held Friday at Reflections in honor of Women's History Month. The event featured two guest speakers, Rosario Zaldivar and Debra Thomas, both from the U.S. Naval Hospital.

### Test Your Women's History I.Q.

Answers

1. Which mother led a 125-mile march of child workers all the way from the mills of Pennsylvania to President Theodore Roosevelt's vacation home on Long Island? **Answer: Jane Addams (b. 1869, d. 1935), a long-time Chicago labor activist, co-founded the United Farm Workers union in 1962.**
2. One of the most important Union spies and scouts during the Civil War was a Black woman who had escaped from slavery. Can you name her? **Answer: Harriet Tubman (1820-1913), who also led over 300 people in their escape from slavery via the system of safe-houses known as the Underground Railroad!**
3. Before the 1960s, farm workers in the U.S. were not paid even the minimum wage, and had no influential representatives to fight for their rights. What part did Dolores Huerta play in changing this situation? **Answer: Dolores Huerta (b. 1920), a long-time Chicana labor activist, co-founded the United Farm Workers union in 1962.**

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# #Half Page

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I always tell my computer students that the first thing that they need to do to defend themselves in today's world is to learn the vocabulary of computing.

The words aren't difficult, the concepts are simple and computers are not going away any time soon. I promise not to go into ugly technical stuff (unless you really, really want it). I want to stick to survival knowledge.

Once you know a RAM from a ROM or a GIG from a MEG and the rest of the normal, day-to-day words of computing, then you are on the way to conquering the computer monster.

To start I would like to review some basic vocabulary.

**RAM:** Random Access Memory – this is really a misnomer since all modern memory is randomly accessed. But make it easy on yourself, just remember that your computer uses RAM as a temporary storage area for bytes of information. RAM lives either on your hard drive or floppy disks as semi-permanent storage or in your computer's memory chips. Data stored in your memory chips are volatile. That means when the power goes off, bam – there goes your term paper (unless you backed up the file somehow).

**ROM:** Read only memory – the bytes in ROM are permanently encoded on the surface of whatever media you are using. There are also ROM chips used on the motherboard that don't lose their data when the power goes off. You don't lose it and you can't change it unless you change the ROM chip itself. That is why CD-ROM's (compact disc – read only memory) are titled that way. Once you burn a CD, it's all done. Now, can we talk about CD-RW's (com-

pact disc – read and write) some other time?

**Bit:** a bit is the most basic computer piece of the puzzle. A bit has two parts, an on switch (1) and an off switch (0). Consider it the same as a light switch. Once the electricity is on, it is a One, when it is off, it is a Zero. Everything in computing flows from the creative ways that programmers have of using those on/off switches.

**Byte:** a byte is 8 bits. That means it takes eight switches to make one byte. Once we have 8 switches when can spell out words and give the computer other important instructions, just by flipping certain switches off and on. Nifty huh?

**Kilobyte (KB):** a kilobyte is 1024 bytes. I know that normally a kilo of anything is 1000. But for computer geeks, 1024 is a kilobyte.

**Megabyte (MG):** a megabyte is a million bytes (actually more since a KB is 1,024). Computers can do a lot with a million bytes. Consider this, that just 5 years ago the average computer came with 8 MG of RAM. Now, the average computer has a minimum of 64 MG (or at least it should).

**Gigabyte (GB):** hold onto your hats. A gigabyte has a billion bytes. Just 10 years ago a one-gigabyte hard drive cost corporations over a million dollars. I have a 17 GB hard drive I haven't even bothered

to install yet.

**SIMM:** Single inline memory module. The easiest and cheapest way to upgrade a computer is to add more RAM. One does that by adding or changing the SIMM or DIMM chips installed in your computer – normally they have to be installed in pairs.

**DIMM:** Double inline memory module. Similar in function to a SIMM.

**Operating System:** Operating systems are the basic computer programs that make your computer function. Without working operating systems, computers are 20-pound paperweights. They are the critical link between the computer's hardware and the other software that you use to write letters, print greeting cards and use email. The most common operating systems are Windows, LINUX, UNIX and OS/2.

Send your questions to [questions@vista-sun-technology.com](mailto:questions@vista-sun-technology.com). I won't have time to answer all of the mail, but the best questions will be answered in this column. If the question is very simple and you leave your full name, no promises, but I'll try to get back to you. Remember that a computer is a labor saving device. If yours isn't saving you time, then there is something wrong. Happy computing!



## Cleanings

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the sewer line to further check for leaks," said Jennifer Avery-Whitaker, senior project engineer from the Virginia-based Gannett Fleming engineering firm. "If people are in the immediate area of the smoke testing, they may see smoke come out of the ground or they may see it come out of their shower head or toilet."

The non-toxic smoke testing will be conducted in small, controlled areas and if people do notice the white smoke escaping the piping system, Avery-Whitaker requests they walk outside and locate the crew conducting the test.

"They'll be real close and will want to know where the smoke is escaping the system," she said. If the crew isn't easily identified, people should call the Public Works help desk.

This smoke testing will take place in mid-April and will last approximately one month. After the smoke testing is complete, dye-tests will be performed. "Basically this is high-powered food coloring that we'll be putting in toilets and down storm drains to see where everything connects to the sewer

main," said Avery-Whitaker.

The extensive tests will provide the base with its first set of accurate drawings of the sewage system. "This is one of those very important things people never see," said Bob Chenevy, operations manager at Public Works Utilities. "For us these drawings will be worth their weight in gold."

The reason for that is with accurate drawings and information on the system, future leaks or problems can be pinpointed faster and more effectively – reducing the amount of time it takes to correct problems.

"In addition, if the base has to take on a high influx of people this data will help [planners] determine where the system can handle that increase," said Avery-Whitaker. "This is really a planning tool."

For base residents though, the biggest benefit is the project will help ensure the sewer lines remain open and flowing said Chenevy. Fieldwork on the project will be completed by the end of May and a detailed report on the test findings and the system will be completed by the end of summer.

## Oviedo

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to his staff of only seven people, and says it's been a team effort all the way.

The environmental division was begun in 1994 and has come a long way since then. Oviedo said his division has been ahead of schedule on required taskings, and says the base's Chameleon habitat and protection program, as well as the recycling program on base, are two programs that show Rota's ex-

cellence.

"I commend all the participants in this year's competition for your outstanding environmental achievements," said Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig in his message announcing the winners. "The outstanding awards packages made the judging extremely tough this year."

The awards will be presented April 25 at 3 p.m. in the Pentagon.

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he said. The reason for that is the Rota hospital purchased a small volume of test kits and was not able to take advantage of the large volume price discounts other donor centers receive.

"The shelf-life of those kits is also very short," said Hayden.

Blood received from the tri-service blood distribution center though, has already been paid for and won't cost the Navy hospitals in Europe anything.

The Rota blood bank

will continue to store almost 300 units of frozen blood and, in case of a contingency need, could be ordered to stand up its blood donor center again.

The hospital will continue to take and store blood for patients undergoing elective surgery and they will maintain the ability to perform transfusion services – also known as autologous donations.

"If anyone has any questions or wants clarification on the new policy or the



photo: JOC Jon McMillan

HN Jason Hughes takes blood from Tamika Diaz. Rota's laboratory provides a variety of services to other Hospital departments and to patients.

Navy Blood Program, they HMC(AW) Melendez at extension 3574," said Hayden.

## Volunteer Appreciation luncheon nominations accepted until March 31

Tracye Parker  
Navy Family Service Center

way for commands to show their appreciation.

The Navy Family Service Center is seeking nominations for the Helping Hand Award and Volunteer of the Year award.

The program recognizes volunteers who give their time and experience freely to the Rota community.

The Helping Hand Award is given to a volunteer who has contributed up to 300 hours and the Volunteer of the Year Award is for an individual who has contributed more than 300 hours.

Organizations and commands may submit a civilian and military nomination for each award. The period of volunteer service for nominations is 1 March 1999 through 29 February 2000.

Organizers said this is a good way to repay Rota volunteers for the assistance they provide and it's a good

With around 400 volunteers in the Rota workforce, they are some of the most dedicated and talented workers in the workforce, organizers said.

"Many organizations on base utilize volunteers including the Navy Family Service Center," said Kathy Arcement, volunteer coordinator for NFSC.

Sybil Moorer, Station Manager, Red Cross, agreed that volunteers are very visible in our community. She has employed 110 volunteers at various commands throughout the base.

Information on nomination requirements can be found in Naval Station instruction 1700.13.

To obtain a copy, see your administration office or call the Family Service Center. Deadline for nominations is 31 March 2000.

## DGF Honor Roll (High School 2nd Quarter)

### GPA 4.00 – 5.00

#### SENIORS

Rosander, Kyle E  
Bond, Carrie L  
Sargent, Benjamin W

#### JUNIORS

Hudson, Kelsey A  
Paudling, Nia V

#### SOPHOMORES

Guy, Micah C.R.

### GPA 3.50 – 3.99

#### SENIORS

Gomez, Michelle C  
Gromer, Marcia L  
Archbold, Julia M  
James, Tracy E  
Washington, A J  
Jorff, Stephen M  
Reyes, Joseph A  
Lannacore, Angelina C  
Tennant, Noemi A  
Doyle, Sean P  
Laras, Nina L

### JUNIORS

Batista, Danny H  
O'Neil, Megan J

#### SOPHOMORES

Rosander, Kimberly J  
Roylance, Rosalynn E  
Wilson, Scott A  
Iannacore, Monica  
Taylor, Nakeiah T  
Hill, Alex M

### GPA 3.00 – 3.49

#### SENIORS

Lynch, Taurean A  
Vinson, Patrick R  
Coats, Keyshawn  
Comstock, Adelaidd D  
Kioussis, Danielle M  
Louden, Clifford J  
Mills, Dustin W  
Strickler, Ashley M  
Gallardo-Recano I  
Sorrell, Samantha L  
Bray, Brent J  
Heatherdale, Cristo F  
Miller, Rebekah R  
Thomas, Mary J

### JUNIORS

Ochotorena, Vanessa E  
Sardi-Wade, Christina  
Bignell, Joel T  
Reed, Brandon L  
Basnight, Robert R  
Johnson, Richard W I  
Gigstead, C J  
Buckles, Erin E  
Whiddon, Ashli L  
Gaylord, Tara L

#### SOPHOMORES

Lynch, Taurean A  
Vinson, Patrick R  
Coats, Keyshawn  
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Bray, Brent J  
Heatherdale, Cristo F  
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Thomas, Mary J

### GPA 4.00

#### FRESHMAN

Brumfield, Leah H  
Storm, Gretchen V

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Fulton, Laura A  
Guillebeau, Trisha R  
Spatz, Aaron D

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Buckles, Marguerite A  
Gibbs, Glenis O II  
Henderson, Kaitlin M  
Storm, Daniel R

### GPA 3.50 – 3.99

#### FRESHMAN

Sargent, Justin E  
Sargent, Ira E  
Levy, Anna L

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Compagnet, Sonia  
Quigley, Kate M  
Richter, Ana N  
Scorby, John C III  
Hathaway, Ryan D  
Limon Lou-Anthony P

### Peery, Sarah A

Scott, Kandus  
Stanley, Jordan R  
Beagle, Samantha K  
Hallford, William H  
Koch, Susan E  
Ordonez - Pina, Tamara

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Patti, Elizabeth A  
Rios, Carlos O  
Ford, Thomas E  
Lingbeek, Amy A  
Schlytter, Amanda M  
Tan, Marianne R  
Williams, Barry L

### GPA 3.00 – 3.49

#### FRESHMAN

Galindo, Elizabeth N  
Hawkinson, Chelsie L  
Flagg, Eric P  
Peterson, Terrell L  
Szafranski, J L  
Rodriguez, Anthony N  
Behnke, Patrick M  
Klucina, Kenneth R  
Miller, Suzannah J  
Poland, Stephanie R

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Cooney, Jr, James M  
Roberts, Brandon H  
Steece, Brian J  
MacNeil, Heather B  
Rodriguez, M D J  
Taylor, Mariangela D  
Turner, Jesse R  
Schmidt, Nicole D  
Aguilar, Pristina H  
Amos, Krystle J  
Brown, Joel A  
Lott, Anthony W

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Beyer, Mary A  
Sanchez, Maria  
Sargent, Allegra E  
Howell, Kyle Andrew  
Johnson, Daniel J  
Raymer, Samantha Y  
Galindo, Peter M  
Holden, Daniel R  
Klain, Rachel L  
Cuellar, Victoria R  
Dennis, Shaela A  
Ellis, Ashley N  
Gigstead, Andrew C  
Guillebeau, M S  
Louden, Philipp H  
Williams, Sadonna R

### The following people have vehicles ready for pickup

Allen, M.V.	Jimerson, W.	Rivera, R.
Fisch, R.S.	Key, A.J.	Robinson, K.A.
Gray, M.P.	Mallick, T.R.	Thomas, K.
Hansen, C.	McGrew, M.	Van Hof, R.
Islas, E.	Patton, B.	
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### LDO/CWO Brief

Interested in finding out what it takes to become an LDO or CWO? Come find out at the LDO/CWO Board Process de-brief at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, in the Cadiz Room (BOQ). Everyone is welcome to attend the brief given by Lt. Carl Brown, who recently returned from the selection board. The brief will cover all aspects of the recent selection board and some of the do's and don'ts of applying and putting together a package.

### AFN Decoder Users

The payment policy for customers with AFN decoders is as follows: All accounts are due on the first of the month; any accounts not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will be disconnected. This policy went into effect on March 1. Any questions, please call NEX customer service at ext. 3964 or 4086.

### Automatic Telephone Payments

On base telephone customers can have their payments made automatically. Simply stop by the NEX Admin Office and sign up by using your credit card as a means of automatic payment. Monthly statements are mailed by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, and your card account will be charged between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month. If you'd like more info, call the NEX customer service at ext. 3964 or 4086.

### Low-Fat Cookoff

Send in your low-fat recipes by March 28 for the Low-Fat Cookoff that takes place Thursday, March 30 from noon – 1 p.m. To enter the contest, write your recipes on an

entry form available from the Hospital Dietitian's Office. Send your entry to: Dietitian's Office, Box 18-102. The categories include appetizers, soup/salad/ entrée, and dessert. Recipes are judged on appearance, taste, and nutritional value. For more information, please call ext. 3337.

### Health Fair

Everyone is invited to come to the DGF gym on Friday to be part of Healthy 2000 Health Fair. Join the High School students from 9 – 11 a.m. and the students from the Elementary School from 12:45 – 3:30 p.m. Representatives from the Hospital, MWR, American Red Cross, Family Service Center, Chapel and TOPS will be on hand to show you what programs are offered. Health screenings, including a cholesterol screening and blood pressure check, will be given. A 5K Run/Walk starts at 11:30 a.m. at the High School.

### Thrift Store Grand Opening a Success

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society would like to thank all of the hard-working volunteers who made the grand opening of the NMCRS Thrift Store such a huge success. They are: Stephanie Benfield, Edna Cooper, Kim Flanagan, Teresa Hawkinson, Jim McLean, Cindy Buckles, Suzanne Miller, Tonya Chetsas and Nadine Marcos. These volunteers gave generously of their time to get the Thrift Store cleaned and organized in time for the Grand Opening. The store is now a pleasant place to shop with professional staff who are willing to help. The Thrift Store will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00-15:00. We would also like to thank all of the pa-

trons who stopped by the store. The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society made a total of \$359.00 during the Grand Opening. Any money made by the store goes towards relief cases in the Spain Auxiliary.

### Supermodels Wanted

Auditions are now being held for the Fashion Extravaganza which will be held at Reflections Ballroom at 6 p.m. on May 2. You need to be 17 years and older; those pregnant are also welcome. Call the American Red Cross at ext. 2333 for more details.

### Volunteer Recognition Nominations

Nominations are needed for the Volunteer of the Year Award program. The program recognizes the contributions of volunteers who give freely to improve the quality of life in the Rota community. The current period for nominations is March 1, 1999 to Feb. 29, 2000. Instructions for submitting nominations are included in NAVSTA Rota Instructions 1700.13, and the deadline for nominations is March 31. All nominations should be sent to Kathy Arcement, Navy Family Service Center. Any questions, please call ext. 3232.

### Firearms Inspection

As directed by Spanish Naval authorities, the required annual inspection of privately owned firearms will be conducted during the month of April. Firearm owners with gun registration documents (Guias) issued by the Spanish Navy prior to 1 Jan 2000 must bring their firearms and respective guias to the Firearms Registrar of the Naval Station Rota Security Department, bldg. 207. Mon. – Fri., from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., starting April 3

(closed on April 20 and 21 due to Spanish Holy Week holidays). If your firearm is in storage with security, you only need to bring the guia. Failure to comply may result in the cancellation of the guias and confiscation of the firearms. Contact Sr. Daniel Diez at ext. 2354 for more information.

### Blood Drive

The Hospital is conducting a blood drive Monday at the Blood Donor Center, second deck of the hospital. The drive begins at 8 a.m., and all blood types are needed, especially Type O. All active duty, dependents, retirees, and DoD civilians are welcome. For more information or any questions, please call ext. 3397 or 3567.

### Car Wash

The Rota CPOA is having a car wash Wed., March 29, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the PSD parking lot. Money raised will be used for the scholarship fund. Come on out and support the CPOA and give your car a clean look.

### New Vet Clinic Hours

The Veterinary Clinic has new hours. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – noon and 1 – 4 p.m. Closed on Saturday, Sunday and U.S. holidays.

### RLT Theater Workshop

The Rota Little Theater presents a "Theater Workshop" Saturday, April 1, at the Sea View Pines Amphitheater from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, please call Kim at 956-81-4119 or Wendy at ext. 4104. The workshop is open to all.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS and INFORMATION

## Base Speeding

If you see someone speeding or driving carelessly on base, please don't follow the person or take actions into your own hands. Call Security at ext. 2000, and they will follow up.

## OCSC Activities

The Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club (OCSC) is having a Happy Hour, March 31, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Spanish Officer's Residencia. For more information, please call Tammy Yockey at 956-82-4257 or Kim Diaz at 956-48-0046.

## American Red Cross Courses

The American Red Cross is offering the following courses: Babysitter Course on April 1 at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Cost for the course is \$20; Basic Orientation Class on April 5 from 10 a.m. - noon in the ARC office in building 52; and Lifeguard Training Course April 10 - 14 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The course will be held at the Indoor Aquatic Facility, and the cost is \$80.00. Deadline for registration is April 5. To register for either of these courses, do so at the ARC Office located in the PSD building (#52), or give them a call for more information at ext. 2333 or 1617.

## MEETINGS

### Motorcycle Club

The Costa de la Luz Motorcycle Club will be holding a membership drive and ride planning cookout on Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m. If you have an interest in one-day or week-

end motorcycle rides, you are invited to attend. The club will also be looking into area rallies to attend this summer. For more information, please contact Steve at ext. 2294 or Eric at ext. 2904 (after hours, call 646-02-0315).

## Phi Delta Kappa

PDK, a fraternity of educators, invites all parents and other members of our community to attend Discussion session on "Further Thoughts on Mathematics in Education". The discussion will follow a video presentation on the same topic. The meeting will be held in the high school media center at 4 p.m. on March 29. There will be pizza to munch on as we discuss school issues in mathematics. For further information, please call

Ms. Mueller or Ms. Hill at DGF Elementary School at ext. 4185.

## VQ-2 Enlisted Spouses' Club

The club is open to all spouses of enlisted active duty members stationed at VQ-2. The club's mission is to provide the enlisted spouses with a support system, especially if their spouses deploy. The club meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at DGF Room 201, except during June, July and August, when meetings are held at the Housing Pool. Interested persons may contact Chris at 956-82-4422; Heather at 956-82-4387; Julann at 956-82-4873; or Sara at 956-82-4726 (e-mail at [sarashaw@teleline.es](mailto:sarashaw@teleline.es)).

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee

The July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee meets at 3 p.m., Fri-

day, April 6, at the Chief's Lounge at Reflections. If you're interested in volunteering for the base's largest event, contact the committee chairperson, CTAC Beadle, at ext. 2671.

## EDUCATION

### Rota Community College

Rota Community College is offering the following classes: Spanish for Children, Spanish Cooking, Beginning Spanish, Intermediate Spanish, Sevillana Dancing, and Sevillana Dancing for Children. For more info on these and other classes, please call the Rota Community College at ext. 2913.

### City Colleges for Chicago

City Colleges of Chicago is now offering an online registration process, whereby students can register at home or from the computers at the library, and then go pick up the books and videos from the field rep. Rota was chosen as one of the first sites to use the online registration process, and college officials say this will streamline the registration process.

### DGF Homework Club

The DGF Elementary School Homework Club is open to new members. Come get your homework done with a teacher who is there to help you if you need it. The club is open to grades 3 - 6, and the club meets every Tuesday and Wednesday after school in room 110. Call ext. 4185 for more information.

## NCLC Helps Meet Educational Needs

Get ready for college classes at the Navy College Learning Center. The Learning Center has a variety of free academic classes to meet your educational needs. Open Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visit the NCLC in Bldg. 52 (PSD) or call ext. 3070 for more information today.

## Calling all Millennium Graduates

Are you graduating this summer? Stop by the Navy College Office to fill out your paperwork for cap and gown information and to sign up for your graduation photo. Call ext. 2711 for more information.

## EMPLOYMENT

### HRO Jobs

Procurement clerk, closes: 31 March, temporary (NTE 1 year)  
Procurement clerk, closes: 31 March, permanent

You may apply at HRO, bldg. 52.

### NEX Jobs

Supervisory Sales Clerk, NF-02 (full time)  
Main Store

For additional info, call ext 3177 or 3847.

### Rota Community College

Program Director, closes: 19 April, start date 24 April.

For additional info call ext 2913.

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# COASTLINE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MARCH / APRIL</b>				<b>23</b> ITT Trip, Medina Sidonia, call 3101  Smooth Move at NFSC, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., call 3232  NAVSTA Coffee Group meets, call 956-81-0891  Stress Management Class at NFSC, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., call 3232	<b>24</b> Seabee Ball, 6:30 p.m., El Pinar, Puerto, call 2343  Health Fair, DGF Gym, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. / 5K Run, Walk, 11:30 a.m., H.S. ITT, Tariff/Bolonia Roman Ruins Trip, call 3101  NMCRS Jamaican Jerk Chicken & Ribs Sale, call 2396	<b>25</b> Duathlon, call 2565  Teens' Glo Bowl, 9 - 11 p.m., call 2112  ITT Trip, Ubrique Leather Shopping Trip, call 3101  Rota Swim Club Meet, 10 a.m., Aquatics Center
<b>26</b> ITT Trip, Cota Donana Park, call 3101  Daylight Savings, Spring forward one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday (note: States change April 2)  Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161	<b>27</b>  Blood Drive, begins 8 a.m., Hospital, call 3397  Pool Tournament, 7 p.m., Champions, call 2433	<b>28</b>  ITT Trip, Sevilla Historical Tour, call 3101  DGF Elem. SAC, 3:50 p.m., Parent Connection Rm.	<b>29</b> ITT Trip, Ronda, call 3101  LDO/CWO Brief, 10 a.m., Cadiz Room (All welcome) CPOA Car Wash, PSD Parking Lot, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call 3232	<b>30</b> Low-Fat Cookoff, noon - 1 p.m., call 3337  NMCRS Car Wash and Fish Fry, PSD Parking Lot, call 2396  TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call 3232	<b>31</b> Brown Bag Lunch: Semana Santa, noon - 1 p.m., call 3232  Softball Tournament, March 31 - April 2. Call 3338 or 3561 Evening Bodega Flamenco Show call 3101 TAP Seminar for Retirees, 8:30 - 11 a.m., call 3232	<b>1</b> April Fool's Day  RLT Workshop, Sea View Pines, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., call 4104  Youth T-ball, Baseball & Softball Skills Assessments, 2 p.m., Youth Sports Complex, call 2382 Masonic Golf Tourney, 10 a.m., call 3667
<b>2</b>  Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161	<b>3</b>  Spanish Class Registration at NFSC begins, call 3232  Single? Check out MWR's Liberty Program, call 2527	<b>4</b>  Support the DGF Scholarship Fund, call 3075 or 4698  ITT Trip, Medina Sidonia, call 3101	<b>5</b>  Rota Little Theater meets, 7:30 p.m., call 956-81-4119  Parents & Tots at NFSC every Wed., 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232  ITT Trip, Gibraltar Shopping, call 3101	<b>6</b> U.S. enters WWI (1917)  DGF End of third quarter July 4th Committee Meets, 3 p.m., Reflections, call 2671 ITT Trip, Ronda Historical, call 3101  ITT Trip to Gibraltar Historical, call 3101	<b>7</b>  DGF Teacher Work Day (No school)  Tiger Day, Tow Way, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Lunch at Galley from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.), 3232	<b>8</b> ITT Trip, Tangier Overnight, call 3101  Masters Pick-a-ProGolf Tourney, April 8 - 9, call 2336 or 2005  Rota Swim Club Meet, Benjamin/Alevin, San Fernando
<b>9</b>  ITT Trip, Italica Roman Ruins, call 3101  Hardcourt Heros Tour, DECA & Gym, call 2563  Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9 - 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., call 2161	<b>10</b>  DGF Spring Break, April 10 - 15  Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course, April 10 - 14, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., call 2333	<b>11</b> Check out the Thrift Store, bldg. 575  ITT Trip, Jerez Horse Show Bodega & Museum, call 3101  Communication Class at NFSC, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232	<b>12</b>  ITT Trip, Ubrique Leather Shopping, call 3101  Parents & Tots at NFSC every Wed., 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232	<b>13</b> Thomas Jefferson's Birthday  ITT Trip, Sevilla Historical, call 3101  Job Fair Interview Preparation, 5:30 - 8 p.m., call 3232	<b>14</b>  ITT Trip, Tariff/Bolonia, call 3101  Tune in to HOT 102.5 FM for base news and information.	<b>15</b> Personal Income Taxes Due ITT Trip, Gibraltar Rock, call 3101 Spring Fling Flea Market, Drive-In, 9 a.m. - noon, call 2527 Youth T-ball, Baseball & Softball Opening Day, Youth Sports Complex, call 2382
<b>16</b>  Palm Sunday  ITT Trip, Ronda Historical, call 3101  No Sunday School (CCD or Protestant)	<b>17</b>  Want to explore Spain? Call ITT at 3101  DGF Parent-Teacher Conf. (No School)	<b>18</b>  ITT Trip, Jerez City Tour, call 3101  DGF Classes Resume (Begin 4th Quarter)	<b>19</b> ITT Trip, Gibraltar Shopping, call 3101  Volunteer Luncheon, noon - 2 p.m., Reflections, call 3232 Anger Management at NFSC, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., call 3232 DGF H.S. SAC, 4 p.m., School Library	<b>20</b>  Smooth Move at NFSC, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., call 3232  ITT Trip, Cadiz Historical Tour, call 3101	<b>21</b> Good Friday  ITT Trip, Evening Bodega Flamenco Show, call 3101  Brown Bag Lunch at NFSC, La Feria, noon - 1 p.m., call 3232	<b>22</b> ITT Trip, Medina Sidonia, call 3101  Girl Scout Leader's Day (Thank a Girl Scout leader volunteer)  Easter "Egg" Stravaganza, 10 a.m., Sea View Pines

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COASTLINE

Vista



## Doñana National Park – by boat

Story and photos by  
JOC Jon McMillan  
Rota Coastline

I'm not one for herd tourism and I think birds are the most boring animals on earth, with the exception of worms. With that in mind, I was wondering why I was boarding the Real Fernando, a tour ship that holds 98 people and herds them from the Bajo de Guia in Sanlúcar up the Guadalquivir river to see the famous bird sanctuary across the river.

"On your left is the National Park of Doñana," a Voice said over the boat's loudspeaker. "Doñana became a biological reserve in 1965, internationally recognized as a biosphere reserve by UNESCO in 1980 and was placed on the World Heritage List in 1994," said the Voice.

Like any good herd tourist ship, the Voice spoke both Spanish and English. We were told the history of the park and were directed to look either left or right at the sites we were passing.

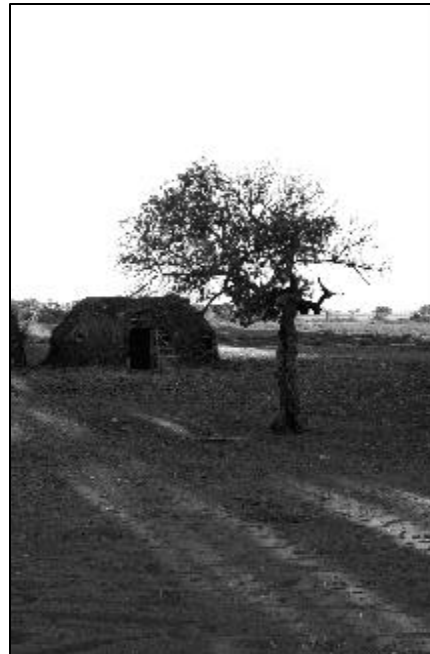
Many of the tourists carried expensive mini-binoculars and scanned the shoreline and treeline for one of the 500,000 migratory birds that use Doñana as a pit stop on their voyage to Western Europe and West Africa. Many just enjoyed the trip up river.



We spotted a bird. A single bird was perched on a wood post sticking out of the muddy banks of the brown Guadalquivir. People rose from their seats, took out cameras and started discussing what type of bird it was. We'd been traveling up the river for almost a half-hour and this was the first bird we'd seen. I've seen more birds on a 30 minute outing near the base gym.

We pass by some ancient huts and we're told this will be one of two stops this three hour and 30 minute tour will make. For now though, we continue up river.

This is an important river and area in Spanish history. The river's history and how it provided access to Sevilla for all the ships returning from the New World with holds full of gold. Doñana itself was the favorite hunting grounds for the Spanish kings such as Philip IV, Philip V and Alfonso XIII. Doñana was the backdrop to Goya's portrait of the Duchess of Alba.



## Vista

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The Voice came over the loud speaker again and told us we were pulling over to take our first excursion off the boat. We would have 30 minutes off the boat to see the Nature Park of Doñana. This park, the Voice explained, was part of the peripheral buffer zone around the Doñana National Park. The park we were going to see – on the Sanlúcar and Sevilla side of the river – didn't have as much legal protection as the park on the other side of the river.

The tourists were herded off the boat and formed two groups: English speakers and Spanish speakers. The Voice started talking about the park and its birds as we walked up a dirt path. I was distracted though by flocks of birds just hanging out in the swampy wetlands. They were beautiful and as I watched these birds – hundreds and hundreds of them – my attitude about birds started to change. Okay, one or two birds can be boring – but flocks of birds – now that's interesting.

So we watched birds. We took photographs. I began to appreciate the muddy wetlands. It was fascinating to see so many birds gathered in one area. Species upon species were coexisting without any apparent problems. A flock of birds would all take off together, do a few theatrical tricks in the air and then land all together. It was interesting to watch.

Our 30 minutes were up and we headed back to the boat. Everyone began talking more freely to each other and the atmosphere of the trip started to change.

We pulled away from the Natural Park and started back down the river towards our next stop at the National Park. It was here we'd see the ancient huts and hopefully get a glance of some of Doñana's mammal wildlife.

After what seemed like a shorter trip down river, we arrived at the pier that'd take us into the National Park and the huts. We left the ship and went on an hour tour of the ancient huts and the park. The huts dated back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and most of them continue to be lived in today. Four families still own huts here. They've been passed down

from generation to generation and the Spanish government is in the process of trying to buy them all. Current laws say that if the huts are lived in partially through the year, the government cannot take them away. Owners are not allowed to sell them or rent them out. So, four families live here, partially throughout the year.

Alfonso gave us a tour of his hut. He was raised in it and after he retired he decided to come back here to live. He said the huts are warm in the winter and cool in summer. His family used to make charcoal nearby but now he spends his days here taking care of the gardens and his nights in Sanlúcar with his wife who's sick in the hospital.

This area fascinates me and the life the four families here live intrigues me. We tour the area and ask questions. A lady who lives in one of the four huts is out burning leaves. Tourists snap photos. I can't help but think that this is all somehow wrong – to bring tourists into the backyard of four families like they were on display in some circus. I ask permission before I take any photos and, I'm surprised that these people are still friendly to herd tourists.

We pass the "neighborhood" and come across a field that opens up deep into the National Park. Wild boar and deer graze and we spy on them with our rented binoculars and our cameras. It's always interesting to see wild animals in the wild. It's much better than seeing them in the zoo or in a book.

As we made our way back to the boat though, I was excited about seeing the grazing animals and learning about the people who live in Doñana. I was also looking forward to seeing the sunset as we pulled into Sanlúcar.

The trip on the Real Fernando was, after all my pre-trip assumptions, a good one. I had a great time, saw birds and wild animals and got to see how some people lived years ago and continue to live today.

This is a great trip for the family and it's a trip the kids will enjoy.



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## Today

March 23

**Exhibition** "Rafael Alberti, peligro para caminantes". Centro Cultural Municipal "Alfonso X El Sabio", 89 Larga St., El Puerto, through Apr. 2. Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.

**Paints Exhibition** by Manuel Ruiz Ortega. Sala S. Fernando, 26-27 Ramon de Carranza Ave., Cadiz, through Apr. 2. Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8:30 p.m.

**Flamenco Paints Exhibition** by Manuel Martín Morgado. Centro Andaluz de Flamenco, 1 Plaza S. Juan, Jerez.

**Photographs Exhibition** by Francisco Jiménez Baños. Café Pub "Blanco y Negro", 10 Ricardo Alarcón St., El Puerto, through Mar. 30. 5 p.m. to early in the morning.

**Movie.** "Gertrud" of Carl Theodor Dreyer, (Denmark, 1964). This movie is in **Original Version** and subtitled in Spanish. It will be projected at Casino Bahía de Cadiz, El Puerto, 8 p.m.

**Theater.** "Manolito Gafotas" by Ados Teatro. Teatro Villamarta, Jerez, 9 p.m.

**Puppets.** The Puppet circuit presents "La fanfarria" from Barcelona, at the Central Lechera Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Concert.** "Raphael in concert 2000". Gran Teatro Falla, Cadiz, 9 p.m.

**Equestrian.** 6<sup>th</sup> Equestrian Circuit del Sol. Horse show at Estadio Chapin, Jerez, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Auto Hobby Shop.** Every Thursday in March, get stall and lift fees for 50% off the regular prices. Call ext. 2268 for more information.

**Auto Used Parts Emporium.** Every Thursday in March, all items at the facility are 25 % off. Call ext.1530 for info.

## Friday

March 24

**Concert.** Edif. S. Luis, Plaza del Ave Maria,

2, El Puerto, 8 p.m.

**Theater.** "A tu vera" by Valiente Plan Company. Centro cultural Municipal "Alfonso X El Sabio", 89 Larga St., El Puerto, 9 p.m.

**Theater.** "Manolito Gafotas" by Ados Teatro. Teatro Villamarta, Jerez, 9 p.m.

**Concert.** "Raphael in concert 2000". Gran Teatro Falla, Cadiz, 9 p.m.

**Carnival Night.** Live Carnival Music, at Casino Bahía de Cadiz, 10 p.m. Dinner and show, 6,000 ptas; Show and Drink, 3,000. Information at reservation at 956-87-1042.

**Equestrian.** 6<sup>th</sup> Equestrian Circuit del Sol. Horse show at Estadio Chapin, Jerez, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Gastronomic Days.** Twelve restaurants in El Puerto will have special Lunches and Dinner for a modic price. Every Fridays and Saturdays through Apr. 15. For more info. Call Comrel, ext. 2813.

**Liberty in Gibraltar.** Liberty goes to Gibraltar tomorrow, so be sure you are signed up by noon today! Call ext. 2418 for more information.

**ITT - 3-for-one.** Surf and turf with ITT on a trip to Tarifa, Bolonia, and the Roman Ruins. Call ext.3101 for more information.

**Preseason Tournament.** The Golf Course features a Preseason Tour today...show us that PGA material. Call ext. 2260 for more information.

## Saturday

March 25

**Flamenco Recital.** Tertulia Flamenca Tomás "El Nitri", 1 Diego Niño St., El Puerto, 10:30 p.m.

**Flamenco Recital.** Peña Flamenca "El Pescaero", Bda. del Rocio, Jerez, 10 p.m.

**Sacred songs contest.** Peña Flamenca "La Buena Gente, Plaza Sanlúcar, Jerez, 10 p.m.

**Dance.** The BRNO Ballet and Theater presents "Romeo and Juliet" of S. Prokofiev. Teatro Villamarta, Jerez, 9 p.m.

**Concert.** Orfeon Virgen de la Escalera, at Castillo de Luna, Rota, 9 p.m.

**Equestrian.** 6<sup>th</sup> Equestrian Circuit del Sol. Horse show at Estadio Chapin, Jerez, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Sailing.** 8<sup>th</sup> Trophie of "Ciudad de El Puerto". Mistral-Laser-470. Male/female and 420.

**JAMS Lock-In.** Today from 9 pm to 8 am. Cost is \$5 for ages 6-9. Call ext. 4252 for more information.

**ITT goes to Ubrique.** Be it leather jackets or just sightseeing. Call ext.3101 for more information.

**Liberty Goes British.** Today is the trip to Gibraltar. Experience a little of the British culture and food. An optional Rock tour is available for an additional \$20. Call ext. 2418 for more information. Call ext. 2418 for more information.

**The Edge Gets Cosmic On Ya!** Cosmic Bowling is offered through the Edge from 9- 11pm. First three games are free if you sign up at the Edge! Call ext. 4252 for more information.

**Karaoke Contest.** British Pub features a Karaoke Contest to win some spare cash. First place-\$50 and Second Place-\$25. Call ext. 2851 for more information.

## Sunday

March 26

**Concert.** Religious Procession Marches, by Maestro Tejera Music Band, at Our Lady of O Church, (Cathedral), Rota, 8:30 p.m.

**Puppets.** The Puppet circuit presents "La fanfarria" from Barcelona, at Alameda del Banco (behind McDonald), Jerez, 1 p.m.

**Movie.** "La vendedora de rosas" (Seller of roses) of Victor Gavira, (Colombia, 1998).

This movie will be projected at Casino Bahía de Cadiz, El Puerto, 3:30 p.m.

**Equestrian.** 6<sup>th</sup> Equestrian Circuit del Sol. Horse show at Estadio Chapin, Jerez, noon-3 p.m.

## 8 Days a Week

**Sailing.** 8<sup>th</sup> Trophie of "Ciudad de El Puerto". Mistral-Laser-470. Male/female and 420.

**Ecologist in action.** Routes of footpath. Hozgarganta river. Last virgin river in Andalucia. For information, call 956-87-3002 or web page: [www.arrakis.es/guadalete](http://www.arrakis.es/guadalete).

**Tire Specials.** Every Sunday in March, Auto Hobby Shop offers 50% off tires & balances. Call ext. 2268 for more information.

## Monday

March 27

**Bowling Special.** Every Monday and Tuesday in March, you can bowl from 2 - 10 p.m. for only \$1 per game. Call ext. 2112 for more information.

**Pool Tournament.** Champions hosts this tournament. Sign up at 7 p.m. Play begins at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Single elimination; best 2 out of 3. Call ext. 2433 for more info.

## Tuesday

March 28

**Craftech Stained Glass Class.** Show your craftsmanship with glass. The 3-day class begins today and continues Thursday and Saturday. Call ext. 2550 for more information.

**Sevilla Historical.** ITT takes you on a wonderful trip through the city of Sevilla, a place of carnivals and beautiful buildings. Call ext.3101 for more information.

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## Wednesday

March 29

**"The Grand Canyon of Spain"** The white town of Ronda, situated high above the Tajo Gorge, offers a "breathtaking" view from many vantage points. It also boasts one of the oldest bullrings in Spain. Travel with ITT to this marvelous city. For info, call ext. 3101.

## Thursday

March 30

**Stained Glass Class Continues...** if you've missed out on this class, call ext. 2550 for details on this and other classes being offered in the future.

## Ongoing

NEW!

**Tumbling and cheerleading classes** are being taught every Saturday and Sunday in the Summit at Expeditions. Coach David teaches you the proper techniques. Call ext. 2527 for the schedule of classes available.

### Locker Room Closing

The Pro Shop at the Fitness Center offers 50% off all women's merchandise and 30% off all other merchandise in stock. Now is the time to save lots of money on those name-brand items you've been wanting. Call ext. 2565 for info.

### Spring Break

ITT can make your child's Spring Break a real adventure when you travel to Italy, April 8-15, or to Morocco, April 7-16. The deadline to sign up for these trips is March 31. Reserve your seats today! Call ext. 3101.

### Comment Line

MWR now has a line open for your comments and suggestions. Call ext. 1522. Website  
Visit the MWR web page at [www.mwrrota.com](http://www.mwrrota.com).

## CHAPLINE

with Chap. Steve Beyer

I'm not much of a country-western fan, but I do enjoy country western song titles. Songs like, "If I Had Shot You When I Wanted To, I'd Be Out By Now", or "My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend, And I Sure Do Miss Him". Like Dave Barry says, *I'm not making this up!*

But the other day I heard a title that really grabbed my attention: Brad Paisley's song "He Didn't Have to Be." Its about stepfathers, not a group of men that gets a lot of praise. But the song tells about a stepfather who does everything a dad should do, and then concludes, "I only hope that I can be, half the man he didn't have to be."

Anyone can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad. Anyone can be a stepfather; it takes someone extra-special to go from being a stepfather to a dad. To be someone he didn't have to be.

How about if we make today stepdad's day? It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it. Thank God for the men who choose to be the dads they didn't have to be!

## Announcements

**Mens' Breakfast/Study.** We are meeting each Tuesday morning in the Galley from 14 March through 25 April, 0630-0715. Our theme is 'Christ's Words from the Cross'. Get your food and join us on the left-hand side of the Galley for a time of Bible study, fellowship, and prayer.

**Calling all Catholics!** Join us in meditating on the Passion of Christ during the season of Lent with the Stations of the Cross at the Chapel on Fridays (March 24, 31 and April 7) at 1800. We will also have a soup and sandwich potluck after in the Meditation Room. For more information please contact Mrs. Valerie Sasso, Catholic Director of Religious Education, #2161 or email [SassoV@navsta.rota.navy.mil](mailto:SassoV@navsta.rota.navy.mil)

**Praise Concert.** The praise band, "Mission 3:16," will be performing in concert Monday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cadiz Room and again on Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m. at Moron Air Base. Everyone is welcome, and the concert is free.

### Good Word for the Week

When you were a kid, you never understood what your parents were going through. Now you'd just like to know how they got through it! —anonymous

## Worship Schedule

25 March	1800	RCMass
26 March	0900	RCMass
	1030	Prot SS @ DGF
		Contemporary Prot Worship
		RC CCD @ DGF
	Noon	RCMass
	1330	Gospel Fellowship Service
		Church of Christ (Chapel Hall)
29 March	1900	Prot Communion Service

## NAVY FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

**Electronic Filing of Resumes for Job Fair**  
To get assistance filing your resume electronically the Family Service Center will remain open 5 - 8 p.m. on March 29 & 30.

**Powerful Parenting: March 30, 10 a.m. - noon.** New Parent Support Program is offering a class on developmental stages of your young child from ages 1 through 4 years. Only 16 seats available.

### Tap Seminar For Separatees

**March 28, 29 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) & March 30, (8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)** For all military personnel and their spouses who are within six month of separating or retiring.

**Interview Preparation for the Rota Job Fair - March 30, 6 - 8 p.m.** For personnel attending the May Job fair.

### Expectant Dads Lunch Hour

**March 30, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Join other fathers-to-be for our monthly gathering to talk about issues and experiences you all have in common.

### Brown Bag Seminar: Semana Santa

**March 31, noon - 1 p.m.** Semana Santa is said to be the most extravagant and the most solemn of the year's religious celebrations. During this week each Andalusian town celebrates the passion of Jesus Christ.

### Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Annual Volunteer Luncheon will be held April 19 at the Reflections Grand Ballroom noon to 2 p.m.

For more info on any of these events or classes, please contact NFSC at ext. 3232

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# Fencing: Physical Chess



story and photos by  
JOC Jon McMillan  
Rota Coastline

Fencing, The only martial art to come from the West, is a sport that demands both physical skill and intense concentration. Opponents face each other armed with flexible swords called foils. Their goal is to penetrate their opponent's defenses and touch him or her with the weapon's tip, without being hit in the process.

As in martial arts or dancing, there are a number of moves and stances beginning fencers must learn and master.

Footwork, how to move around the playing area, is taught first. "This is a very athletic sport," said Jennifer Smith who, with her husband Sean, teaches the MWR fencing classes. "Being able to

move quickly and easily is very important."

Students then learn bladework, how to manipulate the weapon, as well as the fundamentals of tactics. "A big part of tactical thinking is knowing when and how to apply the movements you've learned," said Jennifer. "It's not enough to be able to perform a certain movement. You've got to be able to use it in a combat situation."

As fencers learn to apply the skills they've mastered, many find the psychological side of the sport as enjoyable as its physical side. "A lot of the time it [fencing] is referred to as physical chess," said Chris Crouch, a fencing student of ten months. "It's true. There's a lot of action, but you have to think or you're going to get hit." Physical characteristics, themselves, are less

important in fencing than they are in many other sports.

"In a lot of sports it's the largest or strongest person who does well," said Jennifer. "In fencing that's not necessarily the case. Physical limitations can be overcome with skill and quick thinking."

Saturday, May 13, Sean and Jennifer Smith's students will be able to put their newly learned skills to the test by competing in a beginner's fencing tournament at the base gym.

"There's nothing quite like the thrill of fencing," said Jennifer. "Competition is a measure of how well you've prepared."

Those preparations begin with instruction. MWR fencing classes are conducted in a friendly and relatively informal atmosphere.

"We have dedicated and encouraging instructors," said Asuree Nystrom, who just started taking fencing lessons. Students are given a lot of individual attention, and they seem to have fun.

"Fencing never gets old. It never gets boring. This is a lot of fun, and we hope people will come out and give it a try," said Jennifer.

Classes are held in the base aerobics room Monday through Friday from 7 to 8 PM, and on Saturdays from 11 AM to noon. Cost is \$30 a month for an unlimited number of classes.



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## The History of Fencing

story by  
Jennifer Smith  
Fencing Instructor, MWR

Modern fencing, like the sports of archery and the javelin, derives from ancient forms of combat. All the ancient peoples from the Romans and Greeks to the Babylonians, practiced swordsmanship. Skill with the sword was necessary for success on the battlefield and in single combat. Naturally, people practiced and tested their skills against one another in less deadly settings. The earliest evidence of fencing as a sport comes from Egypt. Hieroglyphics dating from 2000 BC show swordsmen competing with blunted weapons, padded clothing, and protective headgear.

Swords evolved throughout the ages in response to changes in fighting style. The short, wide swords favored by the Greeks and Romans gave way to heavier edged weapons as thicker armor came into use. These hefty medieval swords became less popular with the development of the Renaissance cut-and-thrust sword. This new weapon possessed a sharpened point, which could slip between plates of armor. When the introduction of gunpowder to Europe made the use of armor obsolete, sword makers responded by fashioning swords that were lighter and easier to handle. During the early 1500s a distinction arose between swords intended for use on the battlefield and those for dueling and personal defense. A new, lighter form of cut-and-thrust sword, the rapier, was developed for civilian use.

By the eighteenth century, the rapier had evolved into a shorter weapon known as the small sword. It was primarily

a thrusting weapon, although it often had a sharpened edge to discourage an opponent from grabbing the blade. The small sword's lighter weight allowed an increase in subtlety of movement and complexity of attack. When covered with a leather safety tip the small sword was known as "le fleuret" and was identical in use to the modern foil. It was during the eighteenth century that books describing the current system of fencing technique and rules first appeared. The rules were intended to protect the safety of the fencers while, at the same time, simulating real combat. These "conventions" limited the target area to the torso and established "right of way" for attacks. It was during this period that the use of fencing masks and other protective gear became common.

By the nineteenth century dueling "to the death" had fallen into decline. Changes in civil law meant that the winner of a duel could be charged and imprisoned for manslaughter. As a result, duels became less bloody affairs. The dueling sword, or epee, was still used, but emphasis shifted from killing the opponent to simply injuring him. People practiced for duels using masks, protective jackets, and blunted swords. It is this tradition of dueling that formed the basis for modern epee fencing.

Sailors and cavalry soldiers have traditionally favored cut-and-thrust weapons, such as the saber and cutlass, in battle. Saber dueling among soldiers was a popular method of settling arguments, despite attempts to make the practice illegal. Soldiers were trained with wooden weapons until the early nineteenth century, when Italian fencing masters introduced a form of practice using metal weapons. As with thrusting swords, the saber gradually became lighter and easier to handle, and the dueling form associated with it became less bloody. As the dueling aspects fell away, saber fencing as a modern sport was born.

Foil and saber fencing was featured in the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, and epee was added in 1900. Fencing is one of just six sports to have been included in every Olympic Games. Modern developments such as kevlar jackets, and clear plexiglass masks, and electronic scoring systems have made the sport of fencing safer, faster and more challenging than ever. Although swordsmanship has undergone many changes over the centuries, modern fencing clearly reflects its origins.

The goal today, as it was long ago, is to hit the opponent without being hit. If you're interested in learning the sport of fencing, stop by the MWR aerobics room any weeknight between 7 and 8PM.

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Time	Thursday, March 23	Friday, March 24	Saturday, March 25	Sunday, March 26	Monday, March 27	Tuesday, March 28	Wednesday, March 29	Thursday, March 30
9:00	Oprah Winfrey (TV-14)	Oprah Winfrey (TV-14)	Reyl Arnold (TV-V)	Wonderful World Of Walt (TV-14)	<20> Guiding Light	<20> Guiding Light	<20> Guiding Light	<20> Guiding Light
9:30	<35> Part Charles	<35> Part Charles	Goosebumps (TV-V)					
10:00	<20> Laura McKenick's Travel	<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	Nova	Wild Things (TV-PG)	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)
10:30			Danger to The Jet: This Old House	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
11:00	<10> General	<10> General	California's Gold	Air Force TV News	Wheel Of Fortune (TV-14)	Wheel Of Fortune (TV-14)	Wheel Of Fortune (TV-14)	Wheel Of Fortune (TV-14)
11:30			Headline News	Bananas World Championship	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
12:00	Wheel Of Fortune (TV-14)	Wheel Of Fortune (TV-14)	Navy/Marine Corps Beverly Hills, 90210 (TV-14)	AMA SuperCross Series (ESPN2) (St. Louis, MO)	Early Today Today	Early Today Today	Early Today Today	Early Today Today
12:30			Justice Locke					
13:00			Judging Amy (TV-PG)					
13:30	Animaniacs	Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	Tracy Be Spaz 20/20 P.I.	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	Squigglevision (TV-V)	Nick News	Duckman (TV-PG)	Pokemon (TV-V)
14:00								
14:30								
15:00	Barman (TV-V)	Angela's Ashes (TV-V)			Bonchikkers	Strutline Sports America (TV-G)	City Guys (TV-PG)	Boy Meets World (TV-PG)
15:30								
16:00	Pokemon (TV-V)	Sister, Sister	WWF Superstars (TV-PG)	Computer Chronicles	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Jeopardy! (TV-G)
16:30	Baywatch World (TV-PG)	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch (TV-G)	Navy/Marine Corps ESPNews	Mail Street Journal Report	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
17:00	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Navy/Marine Corps ESPNews	Headline News	Morning Business <10> CNN/8	Morning Business <10> CNN/8	Morning Business <10> CNN/8	Morning Business <10> CNN/8
17:30	Headline News	Headline News	Road To The Final Four (CBS)	U.S. Snowboard Grand Prix (CBS)	60 Minutes	Everybody Loves Raymond (TV-PG)	Smart Guy (TV-PG)	Friends (TV-PG)
18:00	Morning Business Report	Morning Business Report				Primetime Movie	Moesha (TV-PG)	Two Guys, A Girl And A Pizza Place (TV-PG)
18:30	<35> CNN/8	<35> CNN/8				Black Of Zorro (TV-PG)	Home Alone Again	<35> Spin City (TV-PG)
19:00	Friends (TV-PG)	King Of The Hill (TV-PG)		Fifty Six Challenge	The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)		Dawson's Creek (TV-14)	Frasier (TV-PG)
19:30	Two Guys, A Girl And A Pizza Place (TV-PG)	That '70s Show (TV-PG)	NCAA Basketball (CBS)		Whose Line Is It Anyway (TV-14)			ER (TV-14)
20:00	Just Shoot Me (TV-14)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)		Road To The Final Four (CBS)	The Practice (TV-14)		Buffy The Vampire Slayer	
20:30	<30> Real Time	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)	Olson's Championship	NCAA Basketball Championship (CBS)	Spy Gladiators		Conan O'Brien (TV-14)	ER (TV-14)
21:00	ER (TV-14)	Law & Order (TV-14)						
21:30	Any Road	Any Road						
22:00	Headline News	Headline News	Road To The Final Four (CBS)	Regional Final				
22:30	<35> Late Show with Jay Leno	<35> Late Show with Jay Leno	NCAA Basketball Championship (CBS)	(Contestants)				
23:00	<35> Late Show with David Letterman	<35> Late Show with David Letterman						
0:00	<35> Showbiz Today	<35> Showbiz Today	Regional Final					
0:30	<35> Showbiz Today	<35> Showbiz Today	(Contestants)					
1:00	Headline News	Headline News	Barbara Walters Special (ABC)					
1:30	NCAA Basketball Championship (CBS)	NCAA Basketball (CBS)						
2:00	Regis and Kelly	Regis and Kelly		Out of Preview Show: 77th Annual Academy Awards				
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3:00	Doubleheader	Doubleheader	Good Train					
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4:00			Headline News					
4:30			Hour of Power					
5:00			Creflo Dollar					
5:30			Coral Ridge Hour	Headline News				
6:00			Millennium: End Of Reasoning?	Besame Street				
6:30	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	Day Of Discovery	Jim Henson's Animal Show				
7:00	Sesame Street	Barney & Friends	Bananas In Pajamas					
7:30								
8:00	Blues Clues	Brand Spanking New Doug	Wonderful World Of Disney (TV-G)	Oprah Winfrey (TV-14)	Oprah Winfrey (TV-14)	Oprah Winfrey (TV-14)	Oprah Winfrey (TV-14)	Oprah Winfrey (TV-14)
8:30	Kiana's Flex Appeal	Disney's Recess		<35> Part Charles	<35> Part Charles	<35> Part Charles	<35> Part Charles	<35> Part Charles

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## GATEWAY AUDITORIUM

**Today**

6 p.m. Play It To The Bone (R)  
8:30 p.m. The Hurricane (R)

**Friday**

6 p.m. Grizzly Falls (PG)  
8:30 p.m. The Hurricane (R)  
Midnight: Play It To The Bone (R)

**Saturday**

3 p.m. Mission to Mars (PG)  
7 p.m. Down To You (PG-13)  
9:30 p.m. Gun Shy (R)  
Midnight: The Talented Mr. Ripley (R)

**Sunday**

3 p.m. Mission to Mars (PG)  
6 p.m. Down To You (PG-13)  
8:30 p.m. The Talented Mr. Ripley (R)

**Monday**

6 p.m. Mission to Mars (PG)  
8:30 p.m. Gun Shy (R)

**Tuesday**

6 p.m. Down To You (PG-13)  
8:30 p.m. The Talented Mr. Ripley (R)

**Wednesday**

6 p.m. Gun Shy (R)  
8:30 p.m. Down To You (PG-13)

## DRIVE - IN

Drive In schedule:

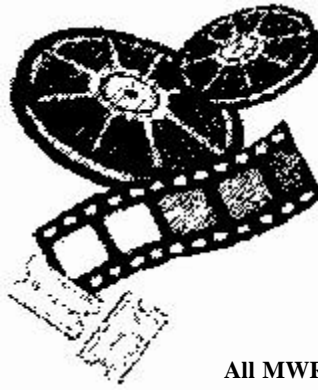
**Friday** - The Talented Mr. Ripley (R)

**Saturday** - Grizzly Falls (PG)

**Sunday** - The Hurricane (R)

Drive-in movies begin around 8:30 p.m.

## MOVIES



**G** - General Audiences, All ages admitted  
**PG** - Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children  
**PG-13** - Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13  
**R** - Restricted, Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

MWR's Movie Information  
Line extension is 2624.

All MWR movies are free, all the time

## MOVIE SUMMARIES

**Mission to Mars** (PG - for mild language)  
Sci-Fi/Action; Gary Sinise, Kim Delaney (153 min.)  
When the manned mission to Mars meets with a catastrophic and mysterious disaster, a rescue mission is launched to investigate and bring back survivors. But when the astronauts of the Mars recovery mission finally reach the red planet, they are unprepared for the amazing discovery they are about to make.

**The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R - for violence, language and brief nudity)  
Drama; Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow (139 min.)  
A wealthy industrialist commissions Tom Ripley to bring his errant playboy son, Dickie Greenleaf, back home to America from Italy. Dickie and his expatriate girlfriend, Marge Sherwood, never suspect the dangerous extremes to which Ripley will go to make their lifestyle his own.

**Down To You** (PG - for mature thematic material, sexual content, language, drug and alcohol use)  
Romantic Comedy; Freddie Prinze Jr., Julia Stiles (92 min.)  
Now, three years after they split up and hundreds of dates later, Al's starting to realize that he can't move his life forward until he revisits his past. A new comedy about giving first love a second chance.

**Play It To The Bone** (R - for brutal violence, language, nudity and some drug content)  
Drama; Woody Harrelson, Antonio Banderas (125 min.)  
Two aging boxers get a final shot at boxing's big time. With only a few hours to get to Vegas, they take an unexpected circuitous road trip through the sizzling desert with a quirky girlfriend.

**The Hurricane** (R - some action violence and language)  
Drama; Denzel Washington (146 min.)  
The true story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, accused and convicted of a triple murder and sentenced to life in prison. Despite attempts to establish his innocence through his autobiography, the effort proves fruitless...until a young African-American boy and his Canadian mentors begin to work for his exoneration.

**Grizzly Falls** (PG-for adventure violence)  
Adventure; Daniel Clark, Bryan Brown (97 min.)  
A young boy who idolizes his adventurous father must learn how to survive in the wilderness under the watchful eye of the female grizzly bear that has kidnapped the boy in an attempt to get her own cubs back.

**Gun Shy** (R) No other information available.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## MISCELLANEOUS

**For sale:** Flamenco dress; yellow and green, perfect condition. Size 6-7. \$100 with accessories. Call Maribel at 6268015341.

**For sale:** 35 mm Olympus camera - excellent condition \$50; Answering machine \$10; Large Kerosene heater \$50; 220V Dehumidifier \$50; Men's cold water wetsuit and hood, 5mm, never used \$75. Call x4928.

**For sale:** Butano Heater with bottle, \$60. Call 87-5846, leave message.

**For sale:** Like New girls' Ferie Dresses. Both size 6 for ages 8-10. One is traditional: purple with white dots, and the other is gold and burgundies in floral print. Accessories include flowers and jewelry, and extra material is available for lengthen. \$100 each OBO. Call Barb 956-81-4262 or e-mail [deedman@teleline.es](mailto:deedman@teleline.es).

**For sale:** Traditional Ferie dress (size 6 or 8) woman. Burgundy with white dots. Accessories include flowers and wooden jewelry. \$150 OBO. Call Barb 956-81-4262 or e-mail [deedman@teleline.es](mailto:deedman@teleline.es).

**For sale:** Ferie Dress, girls size 10-12, moving, must sell \$60. Call Anita x4210.

**For sale:** Beautiful Flamenco Dresses, eyelet orange, size 6-8 \$100; dark red w/tiny white dots size 8-10, \$90; green w/lace/ribbon size 10-12. Call Maria x2813.

**For sale:** Champion Spring Mounted Childs Rocking Horse, good condition \$20. Call 4213 and leave message or 956-873387.

**For sale:** Little Coupe Toddler Push Car, great for strolling around the little one in style, \$20.

Call 4855.

**For sale:** Transformers - All with good wiring: 75w \$10; 100w \$10; 500w \$15; 1000w \$20; 1500w \$25; various extension cords and adaptors. Call 956-81-1414.

**For sale:** Kerosene Heater w/2 gas cans \$25; Satellite receiver dish w/sky card, good for 2 months; Sky one, Comedy Channel, Discovery and more, \$125. Call 956-81-1414.

**For sale:** 220V: Braun Coffee Maker \$20; Braun Steam Iron \$20; Electric Heater w/thermostat \$15; small electric space heater \$10; Call 956-81-1414.

**For sale:** Large, 3 ft plastic rabbit indoor cage. Great for Easter bunnies! New, 8 mil asking 5 mil or \$35; Various UMUC test books. Call Nikki 956-84-1221.

**For sale:** 1 Carat Diamond Ring set in white gold, appraised at \$2700 asking \$1800; CD Recorder/player, brand new, asking \$450; Laserdisc player with 50 movies asking \$150; JVC receiver, great condition, asking \$350. Call HM3 Balcom x3467.

**Seamstress:** Hems, patches, minor alterations. Fast and affordable. Now on base. Call Laura at X4311.

**"TOASTMASTERS!"** Anyone interested in forming a club, or joining us, please call Jackie 965 81 60 18 or Sherry 956 84 13 30. Meetings are held every Thursday at 19:00. Walk-ins welcome."

**Wanted:** American refrigerator that measures approximately 29" wide, 30" deep and 64" high. Call Pip or Tom at 966-498590 or leave a message at 956-542997.

**Wanted:** Non Smoking Babysitter for our 9 month old. My home or yours.

Approximately 35hrs/mo. (April - 88hrs). References please. Call 629-103-693 or PR1 Dorazio at x2127.

**Wanted:** Small to medium size dog house or kennel, must be in good condition. I also have small dog to good home. Call 956-87-6311 leave messages.

**Start your New Year with HUGE SAVINGS!** Your local RAPID LINK agent Sheila Hart is back to help you save \$\$\$ on all of your long distance phone calls. For questions or sign ups, please e-mail your name, phone #, and best time to call to [rapidlinkagent@hotmail.com](mailto:rapidlinkagent@hotmail.com).

**Intensive Spanish Courses:** All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-871926.

Volunteer needed at RAWL to feed, bathe, clean cages, and walk dogs. Call 4000 for more info.

**Yard Sale:** 1 April 0900 - 1300, 920 Granada. NO early birds please!

## FOR SALE

**For sale:** New J.C. Penney ceiling fans \$30-\$35, medium dog kennel \$20, ladies' gray briefcase \$5, new floral diaper bag \$6. Call x3858.

**For sale:** Champagne Velvet Love Seat and Sofa, brand new \$650 as a set or \$450, \$250 separately; Standup kickboxing bag, \$150. Selling for PCS move. Call 606-911-636.

**For sale:** Twin Bed w/Mattress's and Headboard, never been used. \$200; Computer desk w/shelf \$50; Playskool Toy Chest w/two shelves \$35. Call Nikki 956-84-1221.

**For sale:** Platform Bed w/ Drawers underneath, no mattress, End Table included. \$75. Call 4855.

**For sale:** Black Leather Sofa, Chair and Ottoman, excellent

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condition \$1,000; Green Folding Card Table, \$20. Call HM3 Balcom x3467.

**For sale:** Italian Camel Leather Coach, \$500; Pine Mission Style Coffee Table w/2 Chairs, \$125. Call 4027.

**For sale:** Queen Size Bedroom Set, dresser with mirror and two nightstands. Call 4113 ask for Corey or Tiffany.

## MOTORCYCLES

**For sale:** 1990 Harley Davidson FXRP. White, Lots of Chrome, Low Miles \$10,000. Call 87-4426 or 2355, or cell 626-38-0565.

**For sale:** 6SXR1100F Suzuki Sport Tourer in excellent condition; 28,000 kilometers Euro spec. \$3,500 Call 87-2818.

## AUTOS

**For sale:** 1991 Lancia, 4 cyl, 16 valve, 5 SPD, P/S, P/B, remote locking w/alarm, alloy wheels, 170 kms, ITV thru Nov. 01, new timing belt and valves. \$4,700 Call Bob Blake, 956-840615.

**For sale:** 1989 Seat Malaga 1.2, new parts, runs great! ITV until Oct 2000. 1800 OBO. Call Jamie @609842624.

**For sale:** 1996 Ford Explorer XLT w/42k miles, automatic, 4-door, fully loaded, power everything, A/C, CD-changer, keyless entry, alarm excellent

condition. Asking \$18,000 - negotiable. Call x4847.

**For sale:** 1990 Honda Accord LX, 4 door, A/C, auto trans, 88,000 miles, good cond. One owner. 3,500 OBO Call 915-49-1339 days.

**For sale:** 1995 Mazda Miata special edition 39,000 miles, new paint, new top, fully loaded and more! Call 606-91-1636 or x3266.

**For sale:** 1988 Pontiac Sunbird GT, convertible silver and black, 5 speed, 4 cylinder, detachable pioneer CD player, 110,000 miles. New muffler, water pump, thermostat, and belts. Call x1703 or 956-48-2407. \$2,600.

**For sale:** 1998 Saturn SL 4dr, good condition, asking payoff value \$10,000 or trade. Please call HM3 Balcom x3467.

## PETS

**For sale:** Lhasa Apso puppies born 24 December, beautiful black/white particolors and rare blacks. 610-662500.

**For sale:** Parakeets, Cockatiels and other types of parrots already trained to sit on finger and shoulder. Call Antonio at 956-37-1885 or 610-050516 (speaks little English).

**Adopt a Pet at Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL).** Various dogs and cats to choose from. Call 4000 or stop by (across

from the drive-in).

**Free to a good home.** 3 yr old, white, female Samoyed/husky. Good with children and other dogs. Call Joe or Karen at 956-37-4285.

## HOUSES/APTS

**For Rent:** First floor of a single family home with 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, furnished kitchen and nice living room with views to Avda. Principes de España. Owner asking for 75,000-Ptas. a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**Nice townhouse for rent in El Manantial:** 2 stories, 4 bedrooms, w/closets, 2 1/2 baths, furnished kitchen, front/back yards, driveway, large community yard in back, public forest opposite, satellite dish. 80,000 ptas./mo. Commission free, English spoken. Call Eloy at 956.540044 or 689-190243.

**For rent:** Big apartment with 3 bedrooms, completely furnished and perfect for a single. Close to the beach and to Rota Gate. Nice kitchen and bathroom. Owner asking for 75,000-Ptas. a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**For rent: house in Las Redes:** 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and a study, large living/dining room and

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large kitchen and large yard. 225,000 ptas./mo. Call 956-850653.

**For rent:** Beautiful never lived in apartment with frontal ocean views from bath, master bedroom and living room. New furnished kitchen. 80,000 ptas./mo. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**For rent:** Furnished, 3 bedroom apartment in Puerto Sherry, overlooking the bay, 2 baths and 2 half baths. 100,000 pesetas/mo. A must to see! Call 670-795032.

**Need a house?** We'll find what you want. No rental fees, no language barrier. We rent, sell and build houses. American management. Your satisfaction is our best publicity. 956-562313 or 610-753503. Call us anytime.

**For rent:** House in Las Redes in perfect conditions. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living-dinning room. Large kitchen and large yard. 165,000 pesetas/month. Call 956.850653.

**For rent:** Single family home with large 4 bedrooms, bath, living-dinning room with fireplace, furnished kitchen, great yard, roof, back patio. 95,000-Ptas. a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**Beautiful sea view apartment, near Fuentebarría gate for rent:** 3 bedrooms, living-dinning room, large terrace, 2 bathrooms, solar heat, lift, underground garage. Washing machine, vitro-ceramic range and oven,

furnished kitchen, phone and satellite T.V. 110,000 ptas./mo. Call Brigitte at 956-851396/956-480973.

**For Rent:** Furnished apartment close to the beach in Rota. 4 bedrooms, bath, furnished kitchen, roof and big balcony with good ocean views. 75,000-Ptas a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**Apartment overlooking the beach in Fuentebarría** for rent. One bedroom, one bath, living/dining room, kitchen, large terrace and garage. 75,000 pesetas/mo. Call 956-850653.

**For rent:** Nice furnished apartment, American kitchen, 1 large bedroom, and big balcony with views to the pool. Private community with gardens. Close to the beach. 75,000-Ptas. a month. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**WE HAVE apartments to rent on a month to month basis** and in a wide range of monthly rents, sizes and locations. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

**For sale:** Big 3 bedroom apartment on Avda. La Marina. Completely remodeled, large living room, big bath and balcony. Owner asking for 12,000,000-Ptas or approx. \$71,429. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221.

**For Sale:** Duplex in a nice, quiet area of Rota. 3 large bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, furnished kitchen and dining room. Enclosed garage under the duplex. Excellent views. Owner asking for 19,000,000-Ptas or

approx. \$111,765.

### PRAYER

**Prayer for Healing:** Dear God, Illness is not a thing, but a place. A place that is often full of pain, along with fear, uncertainty, and anger. A place where I must be alone, except for You. Be with me. Lord, in this way I must go. Let me pray in confidence with Job "I know that You can do all things and that no purpose of Yours can be hindered". Give me a healthy body that I may use if in service of You. Give me a healthy mind and spirit that I may employ them in the works of Your kingdom. Until my healing comes, Lord, let me join my suffering to that of Your Son, Jesus, who willingly suffered for our sake. Let Your grace be sufficient for my need. Give me, and all who suffer strength that we may be filled with hope. Give us Your love so that our suffering may bring us closer to You, the origin and source of all Love. In Christ's name I pray. Amen *Jess López*

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bailea Ellene Roberts - daughter of Keith and Gibbi Roberts, born February 29 2000; 7lbs 12.5 oz. (Leap Year Millennium Baby!)

Krystyna Jo Chancery - daughter of Matthew Chancery and Holly Matarese, born March 11, 2000; 7lbs 12.4 oz. (Bundle of Joy!)

Wendell Jose James - son of Wendell Jones and Consolacion Fernandez, born February 27, 2000; 7lbs 2oz. (Stork package!)

Zachary Alexander Clark - son of Troy & Maria Clark, born March 2, 2000; 7lbs 8.4 oz. (Tricycle Motor!)

## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

WITH KAREN LUCAS

Hotel Puerta de la Villa, a four star hotel in Grazalema, opened almost exactly two months ago. As soon as I heard about it, a little over a month ago, I contacted them. As you can well imagine, I'm always on the look-out for interesting new ads and also, my husband and I really like getting away and this hotel sounded good so I wanted to know more. After talking to them, things sounded even better, so last weekend we tried it for ourselves and now I can give a first hand account of the place. There are only two other four star hotels in the Sierra de Cádiz (both in Ronda), so a hotel that offers more amenities and services is something to take note of. The hotel is beautifully furnished and decorated. There are a couple of meeting/conference rooms, a bar and breakfast area, dining room and a very comfortable library/reading room. In the basement level there is a garage and a small, but nice gym, saunas and jacuzzi. The treadmill, a stepper, one of those multiple exercise machines and weights. There is also a small, heated outdoor pool that we didn't try, because even though the water is "climatized", the mountain air isn't! The rooms are big, bright and comfortable with good lighting (you can even read with the lights by the bed). The TV gets a couple of English speaking channels - BBC and BBC World, if I remember correctly. The hotel also has 5 apartments with capacity for three to six people, which would be very nice for families. They include a kitchenette and living-dinning room with fireplace. The restaurant is beautifully done and the food and service was excellent. All of this makes Hotel Puerta de la Villa a first class establishment,

but the best part was the staff. Everyone was very pleasant and friendly without over doing it. It's an ideal place for those who like to get away to the countryside and really don't want to rough it. Also it is only an hour and a half to two hours away so the trip there is not tiring. To get there, you can either take the road to Ubrique that takes off to your right just after Arcos and turn towards Ronda, just before you descend toward Ubrique or you can stay on the Arcos-Ronda highway and turn off to your right, shortly before arriving at Ronda. Both roads are good. Due to its location, Grazalema offers lots of sightseeing possibilities.

NORAUTO is an automobile center - or should I say supermarket - that opened in Jerez a couple of months ago. Here you can find everything for your car - parts and accessories. They seem to have about everything you could need from shock absorbers, brake disks, mufflers, etc. to sound and alarm systems. There is a shop attached where you can get oil changed, wheels aligned, air conditioning charged, new shocks put on etc., while you wait. The company was founded in 1970 and now has 179 centers in France, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Argentina. The company has two clear-cut objectives: to be the best in their business and to be the best in the long term. They aim to satisfy customers in three ways. 1. By supplying the best parts and accessories. Fast service and pleasant surroundings. 2. The best quality at the best price. 3. Personal and specialized attention from our staff of professionals that receive the best training and like what they do.

I'm certainly not an expert on car parts or accessories, but I do

know that the tire prices are very good and that they have (or can get in a day or two) some of the harder to find sizes. The store itself is very pleasant and things are well displayed and easy to find. If you don't see what you want or need, ask! This is definitely a place to get acquainted with. It is located just after Bodegas Croft on Highway NIV, in the new business area off to your left as you head toward the airport. Take note: anyone who works on base can get a 5% discount by showing the base access pass!

This week we also have a new ad for Crazy Years Pub that Mike and Trina wrote us about last week. It has been open for about three months, is cozy and has an international flair. Maurice is a terrific host and boasts that his is the only place in Puerto where you can get the Belgian beer "Grimbergen". The bar is well stocked. It is located on the walking street, Jesús de los Milagros, right near what used to be the "Mesón del Pescador" and is now Taberna De Cañero.

Speaking of Taberna De Cañero, I know I wrote about it shortly after they opened in December, but due to the season, my comments may have gotten lost in the hustle and bustle. Anyway, it is a place that serves excellent quality meat: beef, pork and lamb (served hot on clay plates that keep things hot) and a variety of revueltos (scrambled egg dishes). Good quality and quantity and good prices. Try it!

Let's hear from you! Share with other readers information about the surrounding area: your favorite spots and shops. Contact me by e-mail at COASTPUB@santadersupernet.com or at coastpub@retemail.es, by fax at 956-542997 or by phone at 956-542997 or 607-564132.

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## USA Women's Soccer Team wins Algarve Cup in Portugal



#9, Mia Hamm, of the USA Women's Soccer team, dribbles the ball past a Norwegian defender during the final game of the Algarve Cup in Portugal last weekend. The team went on to defeat Norway in a 1-0 victory to win the Algarve Cup for the first time in six years.



Fans Wendy Johnston (left) and LT Jason Fournier (right) of Naval Station Rota, seen here with #2 Lorrie Fair, get a chance to talk with and get autographs from the team after their victorious game.

## g u e s t SportsTalk

with Fred Babb

I consider it an honor to have been chosen by Russell Gambril to step in now and again to give a few misunderstood opinions on the world of sports. I enjoy a good football and basketball game just like the rest of them but I also have become a close follower of the Spanish soccer world. So, if my articles go into depth a little too much on this subject, please bare with me.

In the world of Spanish soccer there exist two types of soccer teams. F.C. Barcelona and those who want to be like F.C. Barcelona. That's pretty much the extent of it. The main team that rivals F.C. Barcelona is Real Madrid. But Real Madrid is right now busy explaining to the Spanish IRS why they can't pay the 27,000,000,000 Ptas they owe. (That's a hefty pocket full of Euros). To complicate the matter, Real Madrid went out last summer and purchased a striker named Anelka.

Mr. Anelka played in the English soccer team last year and during the summer he wanted to go to Italy. (Maybe he has cravings for pizza in the middle of the night). When his previous team, Arsenal, tried to trade him to the Italian team of Lazio, he was happy. Visions of pasta danced in his head. (I'm not talking about the macaroni pasta either). Then Lazio stepped back and took a deep breath and said, "Are we crazy?" Obviously not since they called Arsenal and said

no dice.

Enter Real Madrid President Lorenzo Sanz. He was trying to sign a big name player and just couldn't convince anybody to come play in Madrid. (Not surprising given that he could be considered the Jerry Jones of Spanish soccer) So he had no problem in offering Mr. Anelka a contract for 500,000,000 Ptas a year TAXFREE. Plus he gave Arsenal a compensation bonus of 5,600,000,000 Ptas. The Spanish IRS, like their American counterparts would do, couldn't help but to wonder how a team that can't pay their taxes can pay so much for a player who, as to date, as scored one goal for Real Madrid. Lorenzo Sanz is still supplying verb-less answers to the Spanish IRS.

Locally, there exist three 1<sup>st</sup> division soccer teams. (At least until the end of the season). Right now, in Sevilla there are two teams, Sevilla (original name) and Betis. Sevilla has played a season that can be described in two words "bad luck". They have found a home in the basement of the standings which, when the season is all said and done, means it's time to go back to 2<sup>nd</sup> division. Betis, the other team, is trying there best to follow them into the lower division.

Only one other team from Andalucia is in 1<sup>st</sup> division and that team is the recently promoted Malaga (another original name). They want to stay in 1<sup>st</sup> division so

they went out and won some games to do that. Nice strategy.

Moving on to the NBA where the big news was the firing of Dennis Rodman from the Dallas Mavericks after a whopping 29 days. This is more surprising than one would think. Given the environment that Dallas coach Don Nelson usually creates for a basketball team (memories of Manute Bol shooting three-pointers come to mind) Dennis Rodman seemed to fit right in. But the Dallas want-to-be owner Mr. Cuban didn't appreciate Dennis comparing him to Jerry Jones and decided that after much negotiating to bring Dennis to Dallas, he was no longer needed. Oh well, just another notch in the world of the NBA moving closer to WWF status.

Speaking of WWF status, Boomer Eason was fired from Monday Night Football because ratings are down. They are down because they go up against WWF Raw. Ten years ago, this would have been an after thought. But with the second boom wrestling is enjoying these days, (the first was in the heydays of Hulkamania) WWF is constantly digging into the ratings that Monday Night Football always enjoyed. So, in an effort to boost ratings, Boomer was sacrificed because ABC couldn't afford to release probably the best "play-by-play" announcer Al Michaels. Here's a thought for ABC, bring in Hulk Hogan and Steve Austin and have them each back one of the teams that are playing and talk smack to each other through the time outs. Wild idea? Maybe, but in the ever crazy appetite of sports (XFL comes to mind) nothing is unthinkable.

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# Sports News and Announcements

## Softball Tournament

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Naval Hospital Softball Tournament will be held March 31 – April 2. Trophies will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. There is a \$100 entry fee, and the tourney is open to everyone. Come on out and join in the fun. Contact HM1 Nelson at ext. 3338 or RP2 Navarrete at ext. 3561.

## Basketball Championships

The Captain's Cup basketball tournament schedule is as follows: Women's League championship game is Friday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m.; Men's B-League championship game is Friday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m.; and the Men's A-League championship game is Friday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. All games are played at the Fitness Center. Call 2562 for more information.

## Youth Baseball Season to Begin

Registration for the Youth Baseball Season is ongoing at JAMS. The Skills Assessment for ages 10 and up will be held April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Youth Sports Complex. Opening day for play is April 15. Call 2382 for more information.

## Golf Tournament

John J. Kestly-George Washington Lodge #60/69 and Cub Scout Pack 280 are sponsoring the Masonic Golf Tournament April 1 at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$25.00. Contact Jojo Gonzales at ext. 3667 for more information.

## Golf Tournament

The Master's Pick-a-Pro golf tournament will be held on April 8 & 9, and signups will be taken at the golf course through April 7. Cost of the tournament is \$20 for RGA members and \$25 for non-RGA members, which includes green fees for Saturday; Sunday green fees will be additional, and you can't use the punch card. Payout of prizes will be based on the number of entrants and 75% of funds taken in, after green fees. Tee times will be available Friday night, April 7. All participants need to check-in on Saturday morning 15 minutes prior to first tee time. Tee times for Sunday will be available one hour after the last group finishes on Saturday. A barbecue will follow completion of golfing on Sunday. The points of contact for this event are Todd Strickler at ext. 2336 or 2005 and Robert Clark at ext. 2625.

## Bodybuilding and Fitness Contest

The Hospital Booster Club is sponsoring a bodybuilding and fitness competition at 10 a.m. June 10 at the DGF MPR. Sign-ups are now being held in the Fitness Center. Registration fee is \$10.00 and deadline to sign up is April 14. For further details, please

contact HM2 James at ext. 3695.

## Swim Meet

The Tiburones Swim Team is hosting a swim meet with the team from El Puerto de Santa Maria Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Aquatics Center. Come on out and cheer on the swimmers.

## Water Polo Players Needed

Naval Special Warfare Command is looking for females to play water polo. If interested, please call Justin Gans at ext. 1494.

## Hardcourt Heroes Visit Rota

Former NBA star Artis Gilmore and WNBA star Angie Pothoff will be in Rota April 9 to conduct an autograph signing session, kid's clinic and shooting contests with adults. The tour is sponsored by DECA and will begin with the autograph signing session from noon – 2 p.m. at the Rota Commissary. A kid's clinic will take place from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Finally, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., there will be a free throw contest and a three-point shootout for the adults. Call ext. 2563 for more information.

## Outlaws vs. Blue Devils



Antuan Edmond of the Outlaws shoots foul shot during a recent game against the Blue Devils. For more info on Youth Sports, call 2382.

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